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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: THIS PAST WEEK THE HALLWAYS AND COFFEE SHOPS BUZZED MAINLY WITH SPECULATIVE TALK ABOUT JAPANESE POLITICIANS' PREPARATIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE YEAR END, AND WITH MORE EXCITED SPECULATION ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE PRC. THE LOCKHEED CASE ITSELF FINALLY WAS MOVING BACK INTO THE INNER PAGES OF THE BIG DAILIES. OPINION POLLS BY THE ASAHI AND MAINICHI CONFIRMED THE FINDING OF EARLIER POLLS WITH SMALLER POPULATION SAMPLES THAT PM MIKI'S CAINET IS NOW SUPPORTED BY A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE PUBLIC THAN DO NOT SUPPORT IT, REVERSING THE SITUATION OF LATE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER.

2. PROGRAM:

A. ECONOMIST ECKSTEIN: HARVARD ECONOMICS PROFESSOR OTTO ECKSTEIN, IN JAPAN TO ADDRESS AN INTERNATIONAL STEEL INSTITUTE MEETING, DID TWO PROGRAMS FOR USIS IN OSAKA. AT THE OSAKA AC WITH 22 ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS HE DISCUSSED "ECONOMIC MODELLING: UNCLASSIFIED

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THE STATE OF THE ART," SPARKING A VERY POSITIVE AUDIENCE

RESPONSE AND AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION THAT CARRIED OVER INTO THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE FORMAL SESSION. ECKSTEIN IS WELL KNOWN AS AN INNOVATOR IN ECONOMIC MODELLING; AND HE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ACROSS THE BOARD ON ECONOMIC TOPICS. IN ANOTHER PROGRAM, SPONSORRD BY THE KANSAI ECONOMIC FEDERATION, ECKSTEIN MET WITH 20-ODD LEADING OSAKA BUSINESSMEN ON "U.S. ECONOMIC OPTIONS AFTER THE ELECTION." SUMITOMO ELECTRIC COMPANY BOARD CHAIRMAN SAKAMOTO SERVED AS MODERATOR. ECKSTEIN AGAIN IMPRESSED HIS AUDIENCE VERY FAVORABLY.

B. ERNEST CROFOOT: IN OSAKA, ASP LABOR UNIONIST CROFOOT (SEE LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS) HAD A VERY GOOD DISCUSSION AT THE CITY-OWNED CASTLE HOTEL WITH 22 OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE OSAKA FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNIONS (JICHIRO), WHICH CO-SPONSORED THE EVENT. OSAKA JICHIRO PRESIDENT MATSUKURA, A 1975 LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM GRANTEE, MODERATED THE DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. THE FEDERATION'S SECRETARY GENERAL MR. KII SAID THIS WAS THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH A FOREIGN UNION LEADER AND THEY WERE "SURPRISED TO FIND COMMON ISSUES AROUND WHICH EXCHANGES CAN TAKE PLACE." IN SAPPORO, CROFOOT WAS RATED "A BRILLIANT SUCCESS" IN ESTABLISHING RAPPORT AND PRESENTING HIS SUBJECT TO A TOUGH, LEF-WING AUDIENCE. HE GAVE THE "IMPORESSION OF BEING A VERY ABLE LEADER IN A VERY ACTIVE UNION EMPHASIZING IMPROVING THE LOT OF EMPLOYEES WITHOUT PARALYZING THE SYSTEM." RECENT IVP RETURNEE TAKESHI TAMURA, PRESIDENT OF SOHYO IN HOKKAIDO, ALSO SPOKE DURING THE PROGRAM ON HIS U.S. TRIP, CONTRASTING THE WAY HIS WISHES WERE MET IN THE U.S. WITH THE WAY HE WAS LED AROUND BY THE NOSE ON A SIMILAR TRIP IN THE USSR. THE AUDIENCE WAS 39 JICHIRO AND JSP MEMBERS.

C. LIBRARY AUTOMATIONISTS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC) SPECIALISTS ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION MS. HENRIETTE AVRAMS AND MR. JAMES AGENBROAD MET AT THE TOKYO AC WITH 53 SENIOR JAPANESE LIBRARY OFFICIALS FROM THE NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY, EDUCATION MINISTRY, SUPREME COURT, KEIDANREN AND TOKYO AND KEIO UNIVERSITIES TO DISCUSS LC'S SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUTOMATED EXCHANGE OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS. MS. AVRAMS' GOOD INTERACTION WITH THE AUDIENCE AND ANIMATED PRESENTATION KEPT INTEREST AT AN INTENSE LEVEL AND MADE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM VERY REWARDING FOR ALL CONCERNED. THE PROGRAM WILL BE REPEATED LATER IN KYOTO.

D. ECONOMIST RESEK: UNIV. OF ILLINOIS ECONOMIST ROBERT RESEK SPOKE ON "IT GROWTH DESIRABLE?" WITH 22 ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS AND STUDENTS AT SHIGA UNIVERSITY IN A CO-SPONSORED PROGRAM. RESEK OFFERED A WELL BALANCED DISCUSSION OF TOEH CLUB OF ROME'S PREDICTIONS, ALTHOUGH THE DEGREE OF DETAIL

WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER SUITED TO A GENERAL AUDIENCE.

E. "AMERICA: THE THIRD CENTURY" EXHIBIT: THE SUBJECT EXHIBIT CLOSED A 10-DAY RUN AT THE TOKYO AC WHICH DREW A TOTAL OF 146 VIEWERS, INCLUDING 60 WHO ATTENDED AN ASSOCIATED LECTURE BY ART CRITIC YUSUKE NAKAHARA, ON "CHRISTO'S PACKAGE: ART AS MASS THEATER," FOR WHICH NAKAHARA'S LONG ACQUAINTANCE WITH CHRISTO QUALIFIED HIM WELL. THE AUDIENCE FOR THIS WAS PAINTERS, FILM MAKERS, DANCERS, ART CRITICS AND ART STUDENTS. THE PROGRAM WAS WELL ILLUSTRATED BY NAKAHARA'S OWN SLIDES AND THE FILM "VALLEY CURTAIN." A VERY GOOD SUPPLEMENT TO THE EXHIBITION.

F. MEDIA SERVICE: AS NOTED LAST WEEK, THE POST HAD FULL TEXTS OF THE SECOND FORD-CARTER DEBATE IN THE HANDS OF MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS IN TIME FOR SAME-DAY TREATMENT OF THE PROGRAM. BOTH NHK-TV AND CHANNEL 12 MADE HEAVY USE OF OUR TEXT IN PREPARING FOR THEIR DIGEST TELECASTS OF THE DEBATE THAT SAME EVENING.

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